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### Several Suspicious Overnight Fires Under Investigation

LEESVILLE- The State Fire Marshal's Office is investigating five suspicious fires that deputies believe are connected.

The incidents involve fires set to two vehicles, an occupied home, a small commercial building and a storage shed. The calls came in to the Leesville Fire Department over a 30 minute span starting just before 2 a.m. Monday morning.

The activity is centered in one neighborhood with scenes located on Marvin Street, Ade Allen Memorial Drive and John Paul Jones Avenue.

While investigators say damage was minor and there were no injuries reported, several of the fires were set within feet of where families were sleeping, elevating potential charges to aggravated arson.

Investigators are also now re-evaluating a suspicious fire in the same area last week for possible connections to these most recent fires.

If you have any information about these suspicious fires, you can submit tips to the State Fire Marshal's Arson Hotline, anonymously, by calling 1-866-946-1097 or online at <https://sfm.dps.louisiana.gov/>

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